



Message from Doug

So much of our news media attention has been focused recently on the case of Terri Schiavo. There is nothing about her condition and the accompanying dispute that is anything other than tragic. What it prompts within me is the need for me to make a pastoral statement to the people I am privileged to serve.

- Please be sure you share your wishes for end-of-life decisions with the people you love.
- Make sure that you have a living will, discuss the legal ramifications with your attorney and discuss the medical ramifications with your physician.
- Please remember that as your pastors, Pam and I are always interested in discussing these matters with you. I also want to state strongly that life is measured, not by whether or not parts of our bodies are kept functioning by machines, but by the connection we have with God. It is our firm belief that death of our bodies is a part of life, and that God sustains us no matter what. There are some persons who cling so fiercely to some shred of physical life that they overlook the fuller life that is always offered to us by a loving God. This realization is why Easter is so important to us.

I am honored and delighted to serve you. I wish you all the hope of Easter.

-Doug

New Format for Children's Church

There is a new format for Children's Church for ages 4 years through 1st grade! This new format begins Sunday, May 1 following Children's Time with Chuck in the Celebration Center. 3 year olds will go to their own classroom next to the nursery; 4 year olds through 1st grade will meet in room 108. The 4 years through 1st grade group will be split into 2 groups. Half of the group will stay in room 108 for Center Time and the other half will go to room 107 (across the hall) for a different center time activity. After approximately 10 minutes, the children will switch to the other center to experience the activity there. Parents can pick up their children in either classroom after the church service.

Activities will include crafts, drama or games. The session will end with sing-a-long to a tape or video and a snack.

Children's Chimes to Play on This Sunday

Just a reminder that the children's chimes will play at both services on this Sunday, April 3. Please have your child at rehearsal on Wednesday, March 30 for a dress rehearsal.

Next performance date is Sunday, May 15. Both the Children's Chimes and CAP Kids will be involved in the Pentecost Service.

Walnut Hills Hosts IHN Guests April 24 - May 1

Walnut Hills will host guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network April 24 - May 1. The Interfaith Hospitality Network is a nationwide not-for-profit organization which provides housing for homeless families. IHN's primary purpose is to provide a means for homeless families with children to stay together as a family unit during the stressful time of homelessness. During the week of April 24, Walnut Hills will welcome and host IHN families by providing shelter in our church building and three meals a day.

This will be Walnut Hills' third opportunity to host guests from the Interfaith Hospitality Network. The volunteer opportunities available are appropriate for all ages and new volunteers are always welcome. You are welcome to participate alone, with a friend or spouse or as a family unit. The opportunities vary from serving as a welcoming host to the guests, to helping prepare a meal, to helping with set up or take down, to spending the night at Walnut Hills as an overnight host. A one time only, two hour training program is required for all who wish to participate as hosts.

Take a look at the insert in this Sunday's bulletin to check out the volunteer opportunities that are available. Have questions about the program? Call Sheryl Start, IHN coordinator for Walnut Hills, at 999-2121 for more information.

CAP (Creative Arts Program) Information

We will start rehearsals for "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth" this Wednesday evening. All children have been assigned a part. Performance on Sunday, April 24 at both services.

Reminder for Confirmation Retreat

Please remember that the Confirmation Retreat is on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2-4 p.m. at Walnut Hills. Come and learn about the new program.

In the Spotlight...

Attention all 7th & 8th Graders!

Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center near Indianola, is the sight of our annual work trip this year. If you haven't registered yet, grab a form from the Ministry Board Table and turn it in to Julie Stone as soon as possible. We'll be joining other youth from around the state on this special weekend of sprucing up the camp to get ready for the summer. *Bring your muscles & enthusiasm, along with a sense of adventure.* Adult chaperones will meet the youth at the church on Friday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. to depart for Wesley Woods and be there in time to settle in and have dinner at 6:00 p.m. Lodging will be in the Beacon Hill Cabin. On Saturday after breakfast, we'll work on various projects, have lunch, work some more and depart at 5:00 p.m. to be at the church by 6:00 p.m. The only cost to youth is a free will offering for meals and your own personal expenses for snacks or souvenirs. Come join the fun!

This Sunday, April 3, 2005

DOUG'S MESSAGE: "Seeing with New Eyes"

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

MUSIC: Children's Chimes at both services/Martha Schut & Susan Waller

**2nd Sunday of
Easter**

With Our Children

Nursery for infants through 3 yrs.

Children's Church is provided after Children's time during first and second service. Children 4 yr. through second grade are welcome. **We are providing a special 3 yr. old Children's Church room led by a nursery staff person.** Children will come to this room after Children's Time during the morning service. The older children go to rooms 108 & 107 as usual for Children's Church.

Sunday School: 3 year olds through 6th grade, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday Mornings.

Songspiration: 3 year olds through 2nd grade, 9:30-9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Wednesday Night Alive

Kindergarten through 2nd graders:

6:00-6:30 p.m. organized play time.

6:30-7:00 p.m. Centers: Easter Season.

Wednesday, April 27: Pizza Night (pizza served at 5:30 p.m.) If attending for Pizza Night, check the STUB on Sunday.

3rd Grade Through 6th Graders:

6:00-7:00 p.m. C.A.P. program

7:00-7:45 p.m. WH Ringminors

With Our Youth

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., lower level.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. *Friends always welcomed!*

Jr. High Youth Activities:

Wednesday, April 6: Special Speaker - meeting jointly with Sr. High.

Wednesday, April 13: Recognize 8th graders.

April, Fri. 15 - Sat. 16: Wesley Woods work trip. See front of the newsletter for more information.

Wednesday, April 20: Welcome & Introduction of 6th graders to Jr. High

Sr. High Youth Activities:

Wednesday, April 6: Special Speaker - meeting jointly with Jr. High.

Sunday, April 10: YLT meet in the youth room,

8:00 a.m. before church.

Wednesday, April 13: Service project to Mosaic Homes.

Wednesday, April 20: Welcome and Introduction of 8th graders to Sr. High

Work Trippers: Cubs Games schedule and sign up posted on Ministry Board Table. Open to adults who don't have an involved youth. *Youth need to sign up as soon as possible for as many games as possible.*

Spring Forward!

Remember that Daylight Savings Time switches this weekend. So set those clocks forward an hour.

With Our Adults

Adult Classes

Sunday Christian Learning Time 9:30 to 10:30.

Faith and Life in room 101. Facilitators: Betty & Darrell Van Woert and Christy & Jim Brown.

Contemporary Issues in room 102.

Facilitator: Ron Roberts.

Images of God beginning this Sunday, April 3 through May 1 in the Kitchen Annex. Facilitator: Judy Myers.

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes:

Disciple Bible I in room 005, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Neil Barrick.

Disciple Bible II in office conference room, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Doug Peters.

Women of Walnut Hills Brunch will be held at The Guilded Emporium in Adel, Saturday, April 23. All are welcome even if you are not participating in the Secret Pal gift exchange. Register by Sunday, April 10 by calling Carol Flater 993-5386.

Mother/Daughter Banquet: Saturday, May 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Watch for more information in the newsletter and bulletin.

With Our Singles

Sunday, April 3: Lunch at Colton's on University after 10:45 a.m. service.

Friday, April 8: Let's meet for Happy Hour at Court Ave Brewery at 5:30 p.m. We will still be in time for the great snack prices.

Tuesday, April 12: We are changing the location of Family Night to HyVee on Valley West Drive, WDM at 6:00 p.m. (Pizza Hut is way too crowded.) HyVee buffet for kids is only \$3.99 and they get all of the options.

Sunday, April 17: Lunch after 10:45 service at Boston's on University, WDM.

Thursday, April 21: Let's meet at TGI Fridays on Westown Pkwy for Happy Hour. See you there at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26: Family Night. Meet at HyVee on Valley West Drive, WDM, 6:00 p.m.

Service to Others

Preparers and/or servers are needed for **Meals for the Homeless** (Churches United Shelter) Tuesday, April 5 and **CFUM Low Income Meal Program** (located at Trinity) Tuesday, April 19. Check the STUB.

With Our Music

MUSIC ON SUNDAYS...

April 3 Martha Schut & Susan Waller/Children's Chimes at both services

April 10 Walnut Hills Preschool Sunday/WH Ringmasters

April 17 A Cappella Singers

April 24 "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth" Adult Choir/Soul Singers/CAP Kids

Groups Gather

♦ **Narcotics Anonymous:** Sundays, 5 p.m., Youth Room.

♦ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Mondays, 7 p.m., Youth Room.

♦ **First Thursday Breakfast:** April, 7, 7:00 a.m. at West End Diner. Everyone is welcome.

♦ **Senior Singles:** Friday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. at Flying Mango, 4345 Hickman Rd, Des Moines. Please call Lois Rowe for reservations by Thursday, April 7, 254-9221.

♦ **Walnut Club:** Saturday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Jack & Lorna Nafziger's home, 8030 Heather Bow Ct., Johnston. Dinner is provided.

♦ **Morning Parents:** Monday, April 11, 9:30 a.m. at Walnut Hills. We will do a fun springtime craft and discuss activities for the summer. Bring your calendars!

♦ **Men's Roundtable:** Wednesday, April 13, 11:45 a.m. at Walnut Hills. Host: Frank Arbs.

♦ **Brunch Bunch:** Sunday, April 17, noon at the Tavern II on 50th, WDM. Host: Jeannie Kuskulis.

In Our Prayers

✠ Mel Hollingsworth and his family in the death of his aunt.

✠ Tiffany Yamen's stepmother, Karen Huebner, chemo & radiation.

✠ Emily Toth, continued healing.

✠ Birth of Mya Cate DouBrava on March 14, 2005. Parents are Mark & Melanie DouBrava.

✠ Birth of Grant Miller Gilmore on March 28, 2005. Parents are Holly & Ron Gilmore.

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Walnut Way

W - Worshipping Community
A - Acts of Service
L - Learning
N - Non-Judgmental Way of Life
U - Unfolding Spirit
T - Tithing

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